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The October 19, 2005 Cultural Resources Work Group (CRWG) meeting associated with relicensing the Department of Water Resources' Oroville Facilities (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100) has been cancelled. The next work group meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 16, 2005.

An update of activities conducted during September 2005 is enclosed.

We are posting this information on our Oroville Facilities Relicensing web site, <http://orovillereLICensing.water.ca.gov>. Please visit our web site for further information on the Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program.

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**Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100  
Cultural Resources Work Group  
October 2005 Update**

The last Cultural Resources Work Group (CRWG) meeting was held on June 21, 2005. It was decided, at that time, that the next meeting would be held on September 14, 2005; this meeting was later cancelled and tentatively rescheduled for October 19, 2005. Due to the relative lack of activity on the cultural resources study plans required to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the P2100 FERC license application, the October 2005 meeting has been **cancelled** and rescheduled for November 16, 2005. This update identifies activities conducted during September 2005.

**Study Plan C-2 Update**

Sonoma State University (SSU) is continuing to write up the results of the historic archaeological site evaluations and DWR should receive drafts of the initial evaluation documents in late October. Similarly, California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) is proceeding to analyze and report on the results of their efforts at the McCabe Creek prehistoric site loci as well as analyze the non-NAGPRA materials from CA-BUT-84. A draft report on the McCabe Creek evaluation is expected at the end of October. CSUS also expects to begin fieldwork at 10 sites within the reservoir fluctuation zone the last week of the month. All sites will be above 825 feet in elevation. A representative of the Maidu community will be present at all times during the evaluation studies.

Ethnographic studies have continued the analysis of locations important to the Maidu culture for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places as Traditional Cultural Properties. Ethnobotanical studies are also ongoing.

**Study Plan C-3 Update**

A revised Draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) has been completed. The current draft incorporates comments from a number of stakeholders. The primary difference between the first draft and this second draft is the addition of a section on Traditional Plant Gathering Areas in Chapter 4, Management Measures. It is important to note that this is not the final version of the HPMP that will be circulated. FERC has requested the final HPMP include specific mitigation/management plans for known historic properties within the project's area of potential effects. Once DWR receives the analysis results, the draft HPMP will be revised to include management plans for those sites that have been determined eligible for the National Register. It is anticipated that a draft of the final HPMP will be available in early 2006. Please contact Janis Offermann at (916) 445-6478 or [janiso@water.ca.gov](mailto:janiso@water.ca.gov), if you would like a copy of the current draft HPMP.

**Maidu Advisory Council Update**

The Maidu Advisory Council (MAC) last met on September 14. Progress of the various study plans was briefly reviewed. Debra Ward from CSUS gave a presentation on her research, entitled *Predicting Aboriginal Fishing Sites on the Feather River of California*. The MAC is next scheduled to meet in mid November.

**Next Meeting**

The next CRWG meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2005. An update on fieldwork and site evaluations will be provided. The time and place will be determined at a later date.